

MEMPHIS APPEAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1875.

TEXAS AND TENNESSEE.

The Texas fever has broken out in Virginia. Many young men of the old commonwealth, deluded with the hope of bettering their condition, purpose to emigrate to Texas. The Lynchburg *Republican*, in a long article, exposes the folly of a change, and gives the following extract from a Texas letter:

"We have not made head in this country to do us more than three months. The cotton crop is very small. Many of us in this section have been disappointed in our expectations. We are obliged to live on our own means. I never saw a more wretched country."

In commenting on the main for removing to Texas the *Republican* says: "Now there are many portions of Virginia which present such a gloomy picture as that? Almost every farmer in this State has wheat or corn, tobacco or cotton, cattle or horses, for sale, and there is no prospect of suffering in any part of the State. And yet there are men who talk of moving to Texas from this State with the hope of finding easier times and bettering their condition. There is no better country in the United States than Virginia, and the crops, one year with another, average as well as anywhere else. There has been no total failure any year within the recollection of the present generation, but as a general rule the soil has yielded ample crops for the subsistence of the population. The climate is mild and equable, and not subject to the extremes of heat as found in the south, and of cold as experienced in the north and northwest. The country is healthy, and in different localities we have soil adapted to the growth of cotton, tobacco, grass, and all the cereals that grow in more northern and southern latitudes. The facilities for travel and transportation of freight to and from markets are good, and our public schools afford as good opportunities for the education of children as can be found in any State of the Union. Moreover, society is as good as can be found elsewhere, and the taxes assessed for State and county purposes are lower than any other southern State, and far less than in any of the northwestern States. In addition to all this, Virginia is an excellent fruit country, from which source thousands of dollars are realized every year. Why is it, then, that with such a field for the acquisition of all the comforts of life and of wealth, and for the enjoyment of health and the pleasures of refined society, any one should think of emigrating from this State to Texas? We confess that it is a mystery to us, and can only be accounted for by referring it to that almost universal delusion and desire for change that seems implanted in the mind of almost every man." The same reasons apply with equal force to the young men of Tennessee who propose hunting new homes. For twelve months the *APPEAL* has occupied the position of our Lynchburg cotemporary, and has uniformly and earnestly urged the discontented to stay at home. In the dream of youthful enthusiasm, young men picture an *Eden* in distant lands. To them there is something exciting and romantic in becoming adventurous waltz upon the world, searching for new homes among strangers. But their expectations are seldom realized. They are forced to buffet rude and unknown hardships, and in sadness and sorrow yearn to stand once again in the shadow of Virginia's mountains, to repose in the loving bosom of dear old Tennessee. Time does not conquer this feeling. It only inspires an attachment for the old home which the new one can never subdue, and the result is many a coming flocking back, content to spend the remainder of their days in the land of their birth or the home of their youth. There are many Tennessees in Texas, and we understand from a friend who has just returned from that State that when they meet together they spend their time in dwelling upon the superiority of Tennessee to all other States. Some grow eloquent in painting the health, the beauty and grandeur of East Tennessee; others hold up Middle Tennessee as a paradise, the Eden of America; others are voluble in describing the productive soil of the western Tennessee counties, whose borders are washed by the majestic Mississippi river, while all are agreed in rehearsing the traditions and the story of the great State, which they hold up as a model. The idea of removing from such a State is an absurdity, and we are rejoiced to know that for the future Tennessee is to lose but few of her old citizens, who in gaining new accusers for her population. The people of the northern and western States are discussing the superior advantages of Tennessee. They have discovered that whether they be farmers, mechanics, miners or manufacturers, they will find here a soil to cultivate that yields rich remunerative crops, work to do for which good wages are paid, mines to develop that promise wealth to the operator, and thousands of opportunities for profitable investments in manufactures. To abandon such a State as Tennessee, at a time when she is emerging from the dark clouds of gloom into the sunlight of prosperity, is an insane folly which we are gratified to know no one now proposes to commit.

The death of Mr. Frederick Hudson, former managing editor of the New York *Herald*, is one of the saddest events of the year. Few men have filled so large a place in the affections of the profession which he adorned, and whose greatest achievements were largely due to his ability, energy, pluck and perseverance. For more than twenty years he labored side by side with the elder Bennett, and it is no disparagement of the reputation of that gentleman to say that he did quite as much as he to bring the *Herald* up to the light where it could overlook the whole journalistic world. Mr. Hudson was to Mr. Bennett as his right hand, and in all the years of their connection sustained himself most creditably, earning and deserving always the plaudits of his employer. For more than ten years he filled the responsible position of managing editor of the *Herald*, and at last retired only when broken down by the labors of many years, labors such as few outside of the profession can appreciate. After some years spent abroad, and when he had recuperated sufficiently, he returned home and employed his time in the production of a work on journalism that is, and must ever remain, a standard. In this he proved, it is true, a journalist, but he was also a man of letters, and he traced the growth of journalism from the small beginnings of the early letter-sheet to the close of the late civil war, and dwelt with becoming

pride upon the advance it has made in free America, and the enterprise which the *Herald* has always so well exemplified. A monument to his memory it has secured for him the lasting gratitude of the journalistic world. Territory will give fitting expression to that gratitude, and to the world's estimate of a man, who, in his line of life, was equal to the greatest in any other in the country. The *APPEAL* pays tribute to his memory and sorrows for his untimely death.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL JEWELL is not going to lend himself, or the power of his department, to any particular interest or interest of the country. A dispatch from Washington last night is to this effect, notifying us, as it does, that Mr. Jewell has yesterday a long conference with Colonel Thomas A. Scott, who came at his request to arrange for giving the department all possible facilities on railroads controlled by the latter in the south and southwest, with a view to still greater dispatch in the distribution and connection of mails in those sections. Colonel Scott acquiesced in Governor Jewell's suggestions, and promised to extend all facilities that may be desired.

We understand there is to be a meeting of the chamber of commerce today for the purpose of receiving Judge Latham's report. We hope the occasion will be availed of to appoint delegates to the Pacific railroad convention to be held in St. Louis on the twenty-third of November next. There is no time to lose. We would also suggest that gentlemen well versed in the subject, who will attend and take a personal interest in securing a hearing for Memphis, be selected. Let us for once be heard, and heard to a purpose, on a question of vital interest to us.

ONE hundred and fifty millions of dollars is sent to Europe every year to pay interest on our indebtedness. More than one-third goes out in coin, the rest in new bonds or in some other form. Thus it is that with the cotton, tobacco, rice, sugar and naval stores of the south sent abroad to maintain the balance of trade keeps the country poor. Yet, with these plain facts before them there are those who persist in the foolish cry of specie payments. Specie payments, when there is no chance of earning the specie to pay with.

The Cincinnati *Enquirer* says that M. D. Conway's first lecture in that city was a failure. The subject was "London." Mr. Conway, according to the *Enquirer*, lectured upon the manners and ideas of the people of England rather than upon anything relating to London, where the lecturer has so long resided. We think Mr. Conway was right. It is people, and not bricks, that make a city, and their manners and ideas are of more consequence than their gardens and palaces.

THE most recent newspaper changes in Tennessee are the sale by Mr. Ricks, of the Knoxville *Chronicle*, of its stock in that paper, and his removal to Ohio, where he is to engage in the practice of law, and the Chattanooga *Times*, which has changed hands, becoming under the new management a vehement advocate of national banks and gold-standard bonds, whereas it used to be a Democratic paper, in full sympathy with the people on the financial question.

ZACH CHANDLER.

What Leading Newspapers, Without Regard to Party, Think of Him.

New York Express (Dem.). To this complexion has it come at last. Not a Bristol, nor a Pierpont, nor a Jewell, but Zachariah Chandler of Michigan—the original Jacob of the luxury shirt—the Simon pure model of sobriety and purity, of dignity and manliness! The President has taken not one but a hundred steps backward, and such will be the judgment of every patriotic Republican in the land.

Philadelphia *Inquirer* (Rep.). The President has been long in making up his mind in determining upon a fit successor to Mr. Delano, and, in the appointment of Mr. Chandler, he has secured a secretary who has had large and varied experience in the affairs of government. Mr. Chandler has been long in public life, is probably as well acquainted with public men and affairs as any man in the country.

New York World (Dem.). As the first step of the Republican victory in Ohio, we have the appointment of Zach Chandler to the vacant place in the cabinet. This is an illustration of the interpretation which the administration puts upon a vote which can be twisted into an approval of it. General Chandler, who has had large and varied experience in the affairs of government, is a man of high character, and his appointment is a credit to the party. "Go on and do as you please."

True, it is an insult to the Republicans of Michigan who defeated Chandler for senator to have themselves and the senate from the disgrace of his presence in the first legislative tribunal of the nation; but if they don't like it they can remove him. The President has taken a step backward, and such will be the judgment of every patriotic Republican in the land.

There are any number of worse and more dangerous men in public life than Zach Chandler. He will be in several respects an improvement upon Mr. Delano. There is nothing of the hypocrite about him. He won't steal himself, and he won't allow his relatives to steal. If he were to "take a notion," he has business ability enough and force enough to make an efficient secretary, so far as the routine work is concerned. But the odds are heavily against his taking a notion of that sort. By temperament and life-long habit he is a partisan of the narrowest and most intense type. He will run his department, primarily, as a political machine. In the discouragement and disgust it will occasion, his appointment will probably quite offset whatever gain in prestige and morale the party has derived from its half-breath escape in Ohio.

New York Herald (Ind.). Mr. Chandler is reputed to be rich, and may charitably be presumed to be so, for so long a time as he has been in the growth of journalism from the small beginnings of the early letter-sheet to the close of the late civil war, and dwelt with becoming

President Grant has been unable to prevail upon a better man to accept this important place in a striking proof that the administration has sunk so low that it is no longer thought to be an honor to participate in its councils. There may have been a special repugnance to act as Mr. Delano's successor, after the whitewashing letter the President wrote him in accepting his resignation. In such circumstances the new secretary would not feel free to disapprove of any act of his predecessor. An acceptance of the office would imply an acceptance of the President's public endorsement of the course of Mr. Delano, and no man of honor would wish to bind himself to take that view of the case. It is President Grant himself who has rendered it impossible for any fit man to take the place, because acceptance is tantamount to the condition that the new incumbent shall take the same view of Secretary Delano's conduct that is expressed in the President's letter of reply to his resignation.

New York Tribune (Ind.). The gross absurdity of Mr. Chandler's appointment is no laughing matter. If the President had searched the United States from coast to coast he could not have found a man more likely to perpetuate the abuses of Mr. Delano's administration, and to add others of his own. The Interior department is essentially a business office, which ought to be managed on the strictest business principles. It has the control of very large sums of money, and more than any other division of the government it has to deal with rogues, thieves and liars. Mr. Chandler's best friends are well aware that his habits of life and his disposition of mind entirely unfit him for the close and continuous work required of the head of such a department. On the stump, twisting the tail of the British lion until that miserable beast howls with anguish, Mr. Chandler is always a noble figure. In the midst of a knot of working politicians at the rooms of Judge Edmunds in the Washington postoffice, discussing the State of the country and the plans of the campaign, he will be in his element, and there are topics upon which he can talk to the President with all the fervor of a congenial soul; but for the management of large administrative business he is most unfit, and his greatly mistaken penetration of the Indian rings, and land rings and the timber rings if they are not already rattling with delight at the news of his appointment, this is probably the worst appointment General Grant ever made.

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